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I am sending this e-mail as a concerned consumer in the Microsoft antitrust case. Even though I question why this case was ever brought against Microsoft in the first case, I believe that the government in its best interest must obtain some sort of concession from Microsoft and therefore think the settlement proposed is fair and will finally allow Microsoft to move forward.

As a consumer, I would like the government to explain how I have been hurt by Microsoft. I am an older individual and was not exposed to a computer until 1990. When I purchased my first computer and wanted to access the internet, I was told I needed to purchase a browser but later learned that it was included in the Windows operating system. An operating system which is a standard for the computer industry and makes it a more simple environment to operate in.

Look at who is funding and spearheading the attacks on Microsoft; Oracle and Sun Microsystems. Why do you think they have lobbied so much. If you can't beat them in a free economy then have the government go after them. If Larry Ellison and Scott McNeely would focus on their own businesses and provide products that consumers want at a reasonable cost, rather than looking to the government to penalize innovation, their companies would be much better off and in a better competitive position.

Where else in the world can I purchase an operating system for around \$75-\$100 with so many other programs and functions included. I think the consumer wins. If Microsoft didn't bundle other programs in it's Windows operating system, how much would the consumer have to pay for a comparable system. If California and Iowa want to continue their litigation, maybe the government should suggest a settlement to them that would not allow Microsoft to sell any of its products in the those two states or to any of their residents. How long would it take for the residents of those two states to raise the roof on their Attorney General?

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